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Fire Fighter I Certification Equivalency and Recognition

At this time, State Fire Training is in the process of amending its *SFT Procedures Manual (2015 ed.)* to include the **new** *Certification Examination and National Recognition Procedures (Ver. 8.2)*. The following information is an excerpt from the Certification Examination and National Recognition Procedures manual and it outlines State Fire Training's updated policy on Certification Equivalencies and Recognition and will be incorporated into section **9.3: Certification Alternatives** of the SFT Procedures Manual.

(A) OVERVIEW

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Office of State Fire Marshal is an Accredited Agency with both the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) and the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (Pro Board). Accreditation with these national organizations is administered through State Fire Training. As an accredited agency, State Fire Training will, under specific criteria grant certain California Fire Service Training and Education System (CFSTES) certifications reciprocally to individuals that maintain certification from either IFSAC or the Pro Board. It is imperative that State Fire Training insure that when reciprocity is granted, the applicant meets all certification training standards (CTS) that California has adopted which exceed NFPA standards, when they exist. State Fire Training will consider for reciprocity certifications issued within a time period of ten (10) years, or two (2) cycles, of the adoption date of the National Fire Protection Association Professional Qualifications Standard on which California certification examinations are based.

(B) IFSAC/Pro Board

IFSAC/Pro Board Certification	CFSTES Certification
Fire Fighter I Wildland Fire Fighter I First Responder Operational Haz Mat	Firefighter I

In order to achieve a CFSTES certification based upon an IFSAC/Pro Board certification, applicants must satisfy the following criteria.

1. Complete and submit appropriate application(s).
2. Successfully complete with a minimum score of 70 percent a certification bridge examination(s) as established by State Fire Training and proctored by an Accredited Local Academy (ALA) or Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP). (The bridge examination(s) will evaluate the applicant on California specific criteria set forth in the position Certification Training Standards.)



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3. Pay all required fees set forth by State Fire Training and the ALA or ARTP proctoring the certification examination.
4. Meet the experience requirements as set forth in the State Fire Training Policy and Procedures Manual for the certification level for which they are applying and complete the position task book.

Additional information regarding Fire Fighter I Certification reciprocity can also be found on the State Fire Training website at: www.osfm.fire.gov/training/training.